

# Insights from Luke

#18: Judging – You Better Learn  
How to do it Right

Luke 6:39-45

## Daniel Bock notes:

A judgmental and censorious perspective toward others that holds them down in guilt and never seeks to encourage them toward God, or evaluating others with such a harshness that the result is an unforgiving attitude and an approach that ceases to hold out hope as if someone is beyond God's reach.

*(Luke 1:1-9:50, Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament, p. 607)*

## **Luke 6:39-45**

“<sup>39</sup> And He also spoke a parable to them: ‘A blind man cannot guide a blind man, can he? Will they not both fall into a pit? <sup>40</sup> A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher. <sup>41</sup> Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? <sup>42</sup> Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother’s eye.’”

<sup>43</sup> For there is no good tree which produces bad fruit, nor, on the other hand, a bad tree which produces good fruit. <sup>44</sup> For each tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a briar bush. <sup>45</sup> The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart.”

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## **Matthew 23:16**

“<sup>16</sup> Woe to you, blind guides, who say, ‘Whoever swears by the temple, that is nothing; but whoever swears by the gold of the temple is obligated.’”

### **John 3:3**

“<sup>3</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.’”

### **John 3:19**

“<sup>19</sup> This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.”

## **Luke 6:40**

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## **Matthew 10:24**

“<sup>24</sup> A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a slave above his master.”

## **John 13:16**

“<sup>16</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him.”

## **Luke 6:41-42**

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## **Matthew 23:13-15**

“<sup>13</sup> But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you shut off the kingdom of heaven from people; for you do not enter in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in. <sup>14</sup> [Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you devour widows’ houses, and for a pretense you make long prayers; therefore you will receive greater condemnation.] <sup>15</sup> Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you travel around on sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves.

## **Matthew 23: 23, 25, 27-28**

“<sup>23</sup> Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others. ... <sup>25</sup> Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside they are full of robbery and self-indulgence. ... <sup>27</sup> Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. <sup>28</sup> So you, too, outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.”

## **Luke 6:43-45**

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## **Romans 2:21-24**

“<sup>21</sup> You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that one shall not steal, do you steal? <sup>22</sup> You who say that one should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? <sup>23</sup> You who boast in the Law, through your breaking the Law, do you dishonor God? <sup>24</sup> For ‘**THE NAME OF GOD IS BLASPHEMED AMONG THE GENTILES BECAUSE OF YOU,**’ just as it is written.”

## **Romans 3:1-3**

“<sup>1</sup> Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision? <sup>2</sup> Great in every respect. First of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God. <sup>3</sup> What then? If some did not believe, their unbelief will not nullify the faithfulness of God, will it?”

## **James 1:26**

“<sup>26</sup> If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man’s religion is worthless.”

## **Matthew 12:33-37**

“<sup>33</sup> Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit. <sup>34</sup> You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak what is good? For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart. <sup>35</sup> The good man brings out of his good treasure what is good; and the evil man brings out of his evil treasure what is evil. <sup>36</sup> But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment. <sup>37</sup> For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

**We must always  
examine our hearts  
which will cause us to  
remember our  
depravity.**

**How to make judgments:**

**Prayerfully**

**Biblically**

**Lovingly**

**Mercifully**

**There is a necessity of judgment.**